



Leicester  
City Council

## **MEETING OF THE CABINET**

**DATE: MONDAY, 23 JULY 2007**

**TIME: 5.00PM**

**PLACE: OAK ROOM, TOWN HALL, TOWN HALL SQUARE,  
LEICESTER**

### **Members of the Cabinet**

Councillor Willmott (Chair)

Councillor Draycott (Vice-Chair)

Councillors Bhatti, Connelly, Corral, Dempster, Kitterick, Osman, Mrs  
Sood and Wann

Members of the Cabinet are invited to attend the above meeting to  
consider the items of business listed overleaf.

for Town Clerk

### **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:**

**YOU ARE VERY WELCOME TO ATTEND TO OBSERVE THE PROCEEDINGS.  
HOWEVER, PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN  
THE MEETING.**

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## **PUBLIC SESSION**

### **AGENDA**

#### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

#### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members are asked to declare any interests they may have in the business to be discussed and/or indicate that Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applies to them.

#### **3. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 July 2007 have been circulated to Members and the Cabinet is asked to approve them as a correct record.

#### **5. MATTERS REFERRED FROM COMMITTEE Appendix A**

##### **Aylestone, Eyres Monsell and Freeman Area Committee – 2 July 2007**

##### **Youth Provision In The Area**

The following was agreed at the above meeting. The full minute extract is attached at Appendix A1.

“that Cabinet be asked to introduce play facilities in Aylestone Playing Fields and Aylestone Park”.

##### **Councillor Dempster to respond**

##### **Responses to Questions From The Last Meeting – 2 July 2007**

The following was agreed at the above meeting. The full minute extract is attached at Appendix A2.

“that Cabinet be asked that in future housing developments a Section 106 Agreement be used to help develop sports facilities in the local area”.

##### **Councillor Kitterick to respond**

#### **6. THE CITY'S CASE FOR PROPER FUNDING FOR ITS Appendix B POPULATION**

Councillor Willmott submits a report that updates Members on lobbying activity currently being undertaken in advance of the 2008-11 local government finance settlement. Cabinet is asked to note the report and support the Council's

representations to central government.

**7. IMPROVEMENTS TO THE HOUSING REPAIRS SERVICE** **Appendix C**

Councillor Bhatti submits a report that seeks Cabinet's views on whether the repairs service should be altered/extended to reflect the wishes of tenants attending the Tenants Conference in January 2007 on the Council's Housing Repairs Service. Cabinet is recommended to note the improvements agreed at the Tenants Conference on Repairs and subsequently endorsed by the Housing management Board and indicate their support for the Action Plan, timescales for undertaking the work and revised Mission Statement.

**8. DECENT HOMES IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR - HOME IMPROVEMENT AREA PROGRAMME** **Appendix D**

Councillor Bhatti submits a report that seeks Cabinet approval to declare further Home Improvement Areas. Cabinet is recommended that several Improvement Zones as set out in paragraph 3 of the report be declared as Home Improvement Areas.

**A colour copy of Appendix 2 is attached for Members of the Cabinet only. Further copies are available on the Council's Web Site at: <http://www.cabinet.leicester.gov.uk> or by phoning Committee Services on (0116) 252 6021.**

**9. COMMUNITY SAFETY CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2007/08** **Appendix E**

Councillor Bhatti submits a report that outlines the Crime & Disorder proposals for the £400,000 from the Capital Programme 2007/08. Cabinet is recommended to approve the breakdown of the spending plan proposed for the Crime & Disorder £400,000 Capital Programme.

**10. DEVELOPMENT OF FOOTBALL FACILITIES** **Appendix F**

Councillor Connelly submits a report that seeks Cabinet agreement to commence a major investment programme to improve football facilities at 8 sites across the City. Cabinet is recommended to approve a number of recommendations as set out in paragraph 3 of the report.

**11. BARNES HEATH HOUSE** **Appendix G**

Councillor Dempster submits a report that advises Cabinet on the progress of work relating to services for disabled children and young people at Barnes Heath House and to make recommendations in relation to the future developments at this establishment. Cabinet is recommended to approve a number of recommendations as set out in paragraph 10 of the report.

**12. BRIEFING ON THE STRATEGIC DIRECTION OF THE ADULT SKILLS AND LEARNING SERVICE** **Appendix H**

Councillor Corrall submits a report that briefs Cabinet on the strategic direction of the Adult Skills and Learning service to 2010 and make recommendations on the immediate issues facing the service. Cabinet is recommended to approve a number of recommendations as set out in paragraph 2 of the report.

**13. HOUSING BENEFIT - REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL STAFF TO UNDERTAKE QUALITY ASSURANCE CHECKS** **Appendix I**

Councillor Bhatti submits a report that seeks Members support to provide extra resources for the Housing Benefits Service, on a temporary basis to enable a range of quality assurance checks to be completed on individual processing officers work. Cabinet is recommended to agree 6 additional staff at a cost of £180,000 per year, (to be reviewed at 12-months) to undertake the necessary quality assurance checks to reduce the loss of subsidy to the Council.

**14. LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL WORKS PROGRAMME 2007/8 - PHASE ONE** **Appendix J**

Councillor Kitterick submits a report that seeks Cabinet to approve part pf the 2007/8 Local Environmental Works programme estimated at £380,000.

**15. EQUAL PAY** **Appendix K**

Councillor Willmott submits a report that seeks approval for a compensation package to avoid potential equal pay claims. Cabinet is recommended to approve the compensation package for equal pay mitigation, the costs of the package including administration and implementation costs and the proposed implementation proposals as set out in the report.

**Please note that as part of this report exempt information is attached for Members only. These papers are marked 'NOT FOR PUBLICATION'. The information in these papers is exempt as defined in paragraph 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended and it is considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. The information therefore must not be disclosed or discussed at the meeting. Should Members wish to refer to any of these details it is recommended that the meeting move into private session.**

**16. SINGLE STATUS FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT** **Appendix L**

Councillor Willmott submits a report that presents the Councils Single Status Agreement for Cabinet approval as a consultation proposal, subject to the successful conclusion of current negotiations between Council officers and the Trade Unions. Cabinet is recommended to approve a number of recommendations as set out in paragraph 2 of the report.

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**17. BRIDGE REFURBISHMENT PROGRAMME 2007/08                      Appendix M**

Councillor Kitterick submits a report that seeks Cabinet approval to spend the 2007/8 Bridge Refurbishment budget. Cabinet is recommended to approve the expenditure of the 2007/8 Bridge Refurbishment budget.

**18. CORPORATE PERFORMANCE – QUARTERLY                      Appendix N  
CORPORATE PERFORMANCE REPORT (2006/07)**

Councillor Draycott submits a report that provides an overview of the Council's and the partnership's performance in delivering services to citizens over the last quarter (effectively the outturn for 2006/07). Cabinet is recommended to note those areas demonstrating continuous improvement in performance & Review the fourth quarter performance results and consider the need for any special action on areas of concern.

**The appendix to the report is attached for Members of the Cabinet only. Further copies are available on the Council's website at: [www.cabinet.leicester.gov.uk](http://www.cabinet.leicester.gov.uk) or by phoning Committee Services on (0116) 2526021.**

**19. LEICESTER SHIRE CONNEXIONS - GOVERNANCE                      Appendix O  
AND FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS**

Councillor Dempster submits a report that explains the background to Connexions, the local position, transition arrangements and proposals for future governance. Cabinet is recommended to approve a number of recommendations as set out in paragraph 2.13 of the report.

**20. ADDITIONAL UNITS AT LEICESTER BUSINESS                      Appendix P  
CENTRE**

Councillor Kitterick submitted a report that outlines the approved funding available for creating additional office accommodation at the Leicester Business Centre (LBC) located on 111 Ross Walk, Leicester. Cabinet is recommended to approve the proposed development that will create an additional sixteen business units in the centre.

**21. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

**22. PRIVATE SESSION**

RESOLVED:

that the press and public be excluded during consideration of the following reports in accordance with the provisions of Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, because they involve the likely disclosure of 'exempt' information, as defined in the Paragraphs detailed below of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act and taking all the circumstances into account, it is considered that the public interest in maintaining the information as exempt outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Paragraph 3

Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

- Digital Media Centre.
- Lease of Land at Bradgate Street / Ravensbridge Drive

**23. LEASE OF LAND AT BRADGATE STREET /  
RAVENSBRIDGE DRIVE**

**Appendix B1**

Councillor Willmott submits a report.

**24. DIGITAL MEDIA CENTRE - APPOINTMENT OF THE  
DEVELOPMENT PARTNERING SERVICES PROVIDER**

**Appendix B2**

Councillor Connelly submits a report.

